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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Section of Environmental Analysis
ARRC NORTHERN RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT
Environmental Impact Statement

COMMENT FORM

Your input is an important element in the scoping phase of this project. To help us incorporate your views and suggestions, please provide your comments below and mail to the address preprinted on the back of this form. Please write legibly. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

Please include your name and address so that we can add you to our mailing list if you would like to receive subsequent information on the project. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your comments.

Comment deadline is: January 13, 2006.

Comments may be submitted today,
or sent to:

Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
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What potential environmental issues and impacts are you concerned about?

Removing (or potentially) the access + use of Old Rich (Valdez Trail/Eielson Farm road for EMS diversion if there is a major accident on the highway

Monson Slough bluff - old Athabaskan Salchaket Gravesite, don't want it to fall off the radar

People's biggest concern is to finalize the route, as we have many residents who have just built homes, or are, seeing to finish them - this project is hanging over a LOT of heads.

Very few new residential parcels are available for relocation. BLM or DNR might need to consider the rezoning of AG parcels for residential use.

Rt. N3 looks to be a lot of cut/grade work, is it feasible?
Salcha River Bluff is a VERY active fault, be considerate of this.